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1. claims: 1-15

device with features
(a),(b),(b1)_ (1),(b2)_ (2),(c),(c1),(d),(e)

2. claims: 16-30

device with features
(a),(b),(b1)_ (1),(b2)_ (3),(c),(c1),(f)_ (4)

3. claims: 31-59

device with features (a),(b),(b1)(1),(b2)(2),(c)'clm.31!,
(f)_ (5),(g),(h),(h1),(i)

4. claims: 60-67

device with features (a),(b),(h),(i),(i1)_ (6)

5. claims: 68,69

device with features (a),(b),(c),(i),(k)

6. claim: 70

device with features (a),(b),(c),(k)

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